l6oo] THE SEMINARY PRIESTS IN LONDON PRISONS

confess nor deny their priesthood, but refer themselves to such proofs as may be brought against them The Bishop of London now sendeth for divers about London (that have lately come from the seminaries by reason of the dissensions among them and to whom the priests are well known) to examine them concerning the men, and if they shall be unwilling to confess and testify that these men are priests they may be committed to prison

ytbjuly THE TREATY AT BOULOGNE

The treaty at Boulogne is broken off and our commissioners are returning A few days since, the audiencer at length returned from Brussels when it was delivered to our commissioners that the King of Spain could not proceed in the matter without receiving right in the honour of precedency which belongeth unto him , if it were delivered to his commissioners then they would straightway enter into treaty. Nor would they assent to any other way of treaty whereby the point of precedency might not be brought in question, though divers were proposed.

ist August THE EARL OF SOUTHAMPTON,

Of late the Lord Deputy petitioned her Majesty that my Lord of Southampton should be made Governor of Connaught, but the Queen hath such ill conceit of him that she will none of it The Earl being still very desirous to regain her Majesty's good opinion, now purposeth to go from Ireland to the Low Countries, and to live the rest of the summer in the States* army

yd August. THE EARL OF SOUTHAMPTON AND LORD GREY

The Queen learning the Earl of Southampton hath withdrawn himself from Ireland into the Low

Countries, where the Lord Grey of Wilton is at present, hath expressly commanded them on their allegiance in no sort to offer, accept or hearken to any challenge or meeting with each other, seeing that they are noblemen of valour, who are fit to reserve themselves for her Majesty's services and not to hazard them upon private quarrels And because the Council would not have either of tibem pretend any note of disgrace in this command, the like letter is sent to each of them